

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
DECEMBER 11, 2001
6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kit Smith, Chair; L. Gregory Pearce, Jr., Vice-Chair; Joan B. Brady; Susan Brill; Paul Livingston; Joseph McEachern; J.D. "Buddy" Meetze; Anthony Mizzell; Bernice G. Scott; Thelma M. Tillis; James Tuten

OTHERS PRESENT: T. Cary McSwain, Michielle Cannon-Finch, Larry Smith, Carrie Tolley, Brenda Carter, Milton Pope, Tony McDonald, Marsheika Martin, Ashley Jacobs, Pam Davis, Daniel Driggers, Michael Criss

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:15 p.m.

INVOCATION – The Invocation was given by the Honorable Jim Tuten

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF AGENDA – The agenda was adopted as submitted.

CITIZEN'S INPUT – No one signed up to speak at this time.

REPORT OF COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

Mr. Smith stated Council would need to discuss item 1-a (Redistricting) in Executive Session if there were any questions.

REPORT OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – No report was given.

1. SECOND READING ITEM

a. Redistricting

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve Plan-A.

Mr. Tuten made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Meetze, to approve Plan-B.

The vote for the substitute motion was as follows:

<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
Brady	Livingston
Meetze	Mizzell
Pearce	Smith
Brill	McEachern
Tuten	Scott
	Tillis

The motion failed.

The vote the main motion was as follows:

<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
Livingston	Brady
Mizzell	Meetze
Smith	Pearce
McEachern	Brill
Scott	Tuten
Tillis	

The motion passed.

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2. REPORT OF DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

a. Contract Extensions: Solid Waste Collection (deferred from December 4, 2001 Council Meeting)

Mr. McSwain gave a brief report. He recommended extending Whitaker's contract along with the other contractor's extensions (Allwaste and Southland).

A discussion took place.

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Mr. Meetze, to defer this item to the December 18th meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous.

3. CITIZEN'S INPUT

Ms. Smith stated two persons signed up to speak at this time and she ruled them out of order because the items had a public hearing. She stated it would take unanimous consent of Council to waive the rules of Council.

Mr. Meetze moved, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to allow the citizens to speak. The vote was not in favor.

4. MOTION PERIOD

- Mr. Pearce wanted to commend Mr. Earl Brown for his recent appointment as the President of a National Human Rights Organization.

Ms. McFadden, attorney, requested an opportunity to speak with Council in Executive Session.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to go into Executive Session to discuss redistricting. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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Council went into Executive Session at approximately 6:35 p.m. and came out at approximately 7:15 p.m.

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Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to come out of Executive Session. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Smith stated Council received legal advice. She stated no action was taken and no direction was given.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:15 p.m. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Kit Smith, Chair

L. Gregory Pearce, Jr., Vice-Chair

Joan Brady

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